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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 January 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 3-6 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2 and 7-10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 April 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

This communication is a first office action non-final rejection on the merits. Applicant's response to the previously set forth election/restriction requirement was received on January 16th, 2009. The Applicant's response indicated the election of *Version/Species B*, but failed to address which claims were withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected species. Presently, claims 1,2, and 7-10 are currently pending and have been considered below.

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of *Version/Species B* in the reply filed on January 16th, 2009 is acknowledged. Although the Applicant has neglected to identify the claims specific to the elected invention, claims 3-6 are withdrawn as being drawn to a non-elected species.

Claim Objections

2. Claims 1 is objected to because of the following informalities: the term "*i.e.*" renders the claim indefinite and should be excluded from claim language since it is unclear whether the clause following the term is an alternative or simply a definition. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

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The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims 1, 2, and 7-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

5. Claims 1, 2, and 7-10 are rejected as failing to define the invention in the manner required by 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph.

The claim(s) are narrative in form and replete with indefinite and functional or operational language. The structure which goes to make up the device must be clearly and positively specified. The structure must be organized and correlated in such a manner as to present a complete operative device. The claim(s) must be in one sentence form only. Note the format of the claims in the patent(s) cited.

The claims of the instant application appear to be a very rough translation of the claims found in the priority documents. The claims should be revised to adhere reasonable grammatical accuracy and should fulfill all the requirements set forth in 35 USC 112. For purposes of examination, the Examiner will examine the claims in a reasonably broad manner based on the subject matter discernable from the claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Heinemann (US 3,750,527) further in view of Chemiere (US 5,373,790).

As per claim 1, Heinemann teaches a supplement to mines characterized by that the supplement limits the time period within which it is possible to activate the explosive material of the mine (via the controlled release of a neutralizing agent), such that an initializing part **(10)** comes into contact with an aggressive substance **(14)** which breaks the walls **(24)** of the initializing part (by causing the outer casing **28** to compress, and thereby break the walls of part **10**) and creates a mixture which neutralizes the ignition of the explosion (see col. 2, ll. 59-65).

However, Heinemann fails to explicitly teach the use of a corrosive agent capable of corroding the walls of the initializing part.

Chemiere discloses a system of self destruction of a carrier shell submunition that teaches the use of a controlling device that includes a corrosive agent **(30)**, such as hydrochloric acid, that is used to corrode a portion of a striker element **(15)** (holding element **25**).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the *aggressive* substance taught by Heinemann to include the corrosive acid taught by Chemiere in order to provide a means of a destroying a munition (see abstract).

Allowable Subject Matter

8. The prior art of record fails to teach or suggest the usage of a time-adjustable neutralization system that includes a corrosive substance used to contact with the walls

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of an initializing part, thereby corroding through the walls and mixing with an initial mixture that is predisposed within the initializing part, which in turn then neutralizes an explosive mine.

As allowable subject matter has been indicated, applicant's reply must either comply with all formal requirements or specifically traverse each requirement not complied with. See 37 CFR 1.111(b) and MPEP § 707.07(a).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SAMIR ABDOSH whose telephone number is (571) 270-5799. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Carone can be reached on (571) 272-6873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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